



Hearts and MINDS

Term 1 | ISSUE 2

From the PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers,

As we commence a new year, we cast an eye on the calendar and continue the juggling act of daily routines; school forms a decent part of that delightful reality.

On the Encounter front, **Night on the Green** (Friday Feb 23, 4-8pm) and **Sports Day** are in the throws of planning. Along with the preparation staff undertake to ensure such events take place in a smooth, positive manner, another wonderful group of people work tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the year to ensure many unique opportunities and celebrations are enjoyed by our students, staff and families.

I am, of course, speaking of our P & F, who kick-started 2018 the other night with a meeting to coordinate the catering for Sports Day on March 9. Please know there is always an open invitation for new P & F members, as well as parent volunteers who can contribute from one event to the next if they're unavailable for meetings.

While acknowledgments usually take place at the conclusion of the year, I'd like to thank the passionate, generous individuals who collectively form our amazing Encounter P & F. It is due to their efforts that our community is as rich and unique as it is.

God's Blessings

Kelvin

ENCOUNTER LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Friday, 23rd Feb, 4-8 pm

EVERYBODY WELCOME

NIGHT ON THE GREEN

Special Guest Performer Peter Combe

- Live Music
- Food
- Wine and Beer
- Face Painting
- Rides
- Sumo
- Fun

What's ON!

Week 4 Term 1

Monday 19th February

- * Year 12 Christian Studies Seminar
- * Year 11 PE Camp

Tuesday 20th February

- * Year 11 PE Camp
- * Year 11 Photography Excursion

Wednesday 21st February

- * Year 11 PE Camp
- * SAPSASA Sthn Fleurieu Swimming Carnival - Stathalbyn
- * Reception Rest Day

Friday 23rd February

- * Shine - Year 3 Jericho
- * NIGHT ON THE GREEN 4-8pm

Week 5 Term 1

Tuesday 27th February

- * Year 7 Camp - Robe

Wednesday 28th February

- * Year 7 Camp - Robe
- * Reception Rest Day

Thursday 1st March

- * Year 7 Camp - Robe

Friday 2nd March

- * Shine - The Gallery - Bible Presentations
- * Year 7 Camp - Robe - returns

Looks like school, feels like home...

From the Head of JUNIOR

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is Week 3 already? Hopefully, you are finding the new routines a bit easier by now, and your children starting to settle into the hum of daily school life. We are feeling really good about the way the year has started. Teachers have reported that their students have settled well, and after an important period of building positive learning environments, units of work are now well underway.

A big thank you to all the parents that attended Parent Information Night last week. We enjoyed the opportunity to share a little bit about what 'school' looks like across the Junior School. We hope you left with a clearer sense of how your child's classroom operates, the types of learning engagements that occur each day as well as important information about the year ahead. Should you have any concerns about anything to do with your child and their learning, it is really important to have a chat with your child's teacher. The earlier we know about any concerns, the earlier we can prevent things getting in the way of your child's learning. Likewise, you are also welcome to contact me with issues or concerns too, however, I respectfully request that your first point of contact is with your child's teacher.

Yesterday, across the JS, we acknowledged Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning what is called Lent, a season in which Christians around the world will begin their observance of Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting until the week before Easter Sunday, the Lenten season is 40 days (excluding Sundays). This echoes the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. If you are interested in finding out more you may find the following link helpful. <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/02/13/lent-what-is-it-whos-it-for-and-how-do-do-it.html>. Weekly services are being held each Wednesday at 7pm at Victor Harbor Lutheran Church throughout the Lenten season. If you would like some help reflecting on this special time, you would be more than welcome to attend.

Finally - don't forget Night on the Green next Friday. It looks like it will be a great night out for the whole family. Hope to see you there!

Blessings for your week,

Tori Weiss



From the Head of MIDDLE & SENIOR

Welcome to Week 3. In the Middle and Senior School we have well and truly settled into routines, and I am thrilled to see students and teachers engaging in authentic learning, both in classrooms and beyond.

This week, our Year 11 and Year 12 students took part in the RAP (Road Awareness Program) run by the SA Metropolitan Fire Service. This program is a powerful, hard-hitting road safety presentation delivered to young drivers. During the presentation, our students were given a confronting and realistic insight into road crash trauma, including vision of real crashes and crash survivors. They also heard directly from a crash survivor, who told a very emotional and thought provoking story of his journey from road crash until now. With our young people being our most precious resource, we think it is critical that they all experience this program.

Next week our Year 11 PE camp is off to the Yorke Peninsula for three days, undertaking a practical assessment in surfing. Week 5 sees the Year 7's off to Robe for their camp, with many aquatic and team building activities planned.

I would like to thank our students and their families for a wonderful start to the year. We are all very blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

Enjoy your week.

Blessings,

Penny McKenzie



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STAFF DEVOTION by Susie Lush

Wednesday marked the start of Lent. I have always admired my colleagues commitment to giving up chocolate during this time and the willpower they exercise. I am a self-confessed chocoholic and have to admit that I have tried numerous times and failed. This serves as a reminder that I continue to fail in my own strength and in order to succeed I need to draw upon God's strength.

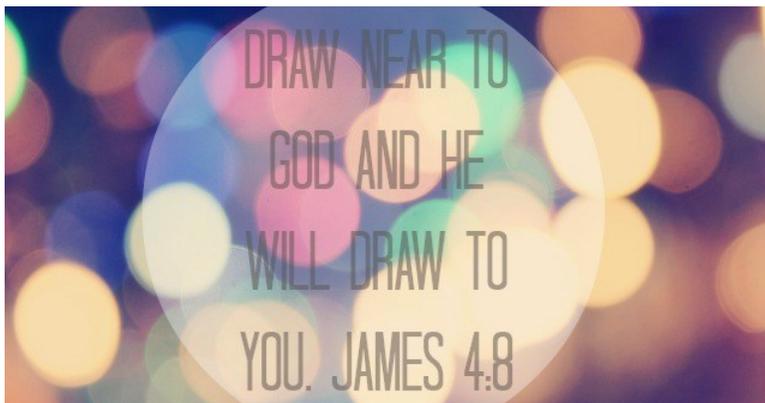
The excerpt below sums up my thoughts on Lent this year.

"Originally Lent was a retreat time, a time to prepare, to think and grow strong spiritually. Lent was a disciplined time to get ready for Easter by considering: repentance, forgiveness, and celebrate the Salvation that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

Lent is giving what is most precious. My time is my most precious possession. Lent is giving more time for reading my Bible and praying. It's not a matter of GIVING UP, but rather, GETTING MORE – a time of RECEIVING STRENGTH. I want to give GOD a chance to change and renew me, and help me see Easter with FRESH eyes. Lent is a time to step back and ask: "What do I need to confess to God or change?" or "What have I been doing with my life?" or "Where have I succeeded in living life God's way?"

(Reflections for Lent, by Joyce Huggett).

May you be encouraged in the lead up to Easter. Don't see Lent as a time where you need to deprive yourself of something you love if this is not going to draw you closer to God. Instead, give God the gift of your time and use this time to draw closer to God.



INTRODUCING



MR JOSH KOOP - Year 2 Teacher

I have been a primary classroom teacher for three years, having previously worked at Tatachilla Lutheran College, teaching Year 4's for two years.

I have a strong background in the performing arts and a passion for music. I play the Trumpet, love to sing and am also a member of the Australian Army Reserve Band based at Keswick Barracks. I am 32 years old, married to my beautiful wife Kym and we have one not-so-little boy named Mylo (who has started school this year). I am an avid and mostly one-eyed Adelaide Crows supporter and I love to read, go to the movies and enjoy eating good food in the company of my family and friends.

Being new to Encounter, I have been blown away by how friendly and caring everyone at the College is. From the students, parents and staff, I have been welcomed in with open arms and it has been lovely getting to know so many new and interesting people.

I am so excited to be working at Encounter this year and looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

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College NEWS

SEED TO FEED PROJECT

The Year 9/10/11 Food & Hospitality Classes are undertaking a project called 'Seed to Feed'. They are helping to establish the edible garden between the MS/SS and Tech buildings! All food harvested will be used in the Food Tech classes or GPS Cafe. If you have any donations of seeds/seedlings or clippings at home that we could utilise please bring them into College Front Office or contact: nyree.davis@encounter.sa.edu.au.



JUNIOR DANCE PROGRAM

The Year 5 - 7 JS Dance Program starts training this week, (week 3), on Friday at lunch in the new dance space. Any students who registered their interest at the end of last year or would like to try out now, are welcome. No prior dance training is required. For further information contact Ms Kasey Lynch kasey.lynch@encounter.sa.edu.au

JUNIOR SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

As we begin the New Year, the Junior School teachers wanted to share how Maths operates in our classrooms. Our focus is on ensuring Maths learning engaging, challenging and relevant to all students.

We do not rely on worksheets or textbooks to cover topics; we give students the opportunity to become part of problems that needs solving. Of course, there are still times of explicit teaching and skill development but the key is deepening student understanding.

It is easy to think of Maths as a subject where all of the correct answers are needed. While accuracy is important, making mistakes has proven to improve learning and develop neural pathways. Professor Jo Boaler from Stanford University has been researching how students can best learn maths. I would strongly encourage you to watch this clip <https://www.youcubed.org/resources/solving-math-problem/>.

Ben Chesser
Junior STEM



QUALITY SCHOOLS SURVEYS 2018

This year our school will be participating in surveys managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). The surveys are being conducted for the school by RADII under a contract with Lutheran Education Australia.

The data that is collected will be used by the school and Lutheran Education Australia to develop strategies and implement initiatives to improve the quality of education offered by Lutheran schools.

Students will receive an invitation to participate through their school email address and may complete their surveys during class time. In addition, parents and staff are invited to participate in the survey. We hope the parent survey will help us to find out how well the school is managing the wellbeing of its students.

Parents will receive an email from Dr Jean Thompson at RADII with an invitation to respond to the survey online. Please check your Junk mail folder for the survey in case RADII's addresses are not listed in your address book. Better still, enter the email address for Dr Thompson(thompson@radii.org) in your address book.

All survey responses go directly to RADII and are not identifiable by the school, unless you wish to indicate that you want your feedback to be identified. All data will be stored securely and the anonymity of all participants is assured.

If you do not to participate in the survey or you do not want your child to participate, please notify the school.

We encourage you to respond to the survey as this provides valuable feedback to the school. When the feedback from the survey is received we will share the findings with you.

Thank you for supporting the survey process.

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Staff List 2018

Althorp, Megan

Student Support

Ashcroft, Jo

College Counsellor

Barnett, Donna

Student Support

Biscoe, Jen

Year 1-10 Japanese Teacher

Brinkmann, Kerry

Rec – Year 5 Music Teacher

Britton, Tim

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Brooks, Tanya

Early Learning Teacher

Bruce, Sara

Executive Assistant

Brunt, Carolyn

Student Support

Burdett, Alana

Middle School Teacher Librarian

Cameron, Lucy

Junior School Adaptive Ed

Cameron, Yu

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Camm, Narelle

Enrolments and Marketing Manager

Carbone, Tony

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Chesser, Ben

Year 5 Teacher

Davis, Nyree

Middle/Senior School Adaptive Ed

Dixon, Ken

Grounds & Maintenance

Duchow, Michael

Student Support

Dunbar, Sam

Middle/Senior School Teacher

East, Tracey

Finance/Debtors Management

Eastaff, Jo

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Foulkes, Monika

Year 3 Teacher

Gear, Jon

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Grenfell, Rochelle

Year 6/7 Music Teacher

SAPSASA/SASSSA Coordinator

Grivell, Kelvin

Principal

Grivell, Skye

Junior School Teacher Librarian

Hall, Deb

Student Support

Volunteer Coordinator

Hambour, Jacob

Year 4 Teacher

Haynes, Fiona

Junior School Digital Tech Teacher

Hodge, Jane

Student Support

Jak, Marten

Laboratory Technician

Student Support

Jak, Sarah

Student Support

Jericho, Deb

Year 3 Teacher

Keough, Michael

Middle/Senior Teacher

Koop, Josh

Year 2 Teacher

Knowles, Heidi

Junior School Teacher

Ling, Robyn

Junior School Art

Ling, Tom

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Lush, Susie

Middle /Senior School Teacher

Lynch, Kasey

Middle/Senior School Teacher

MacLeod, Cassandra

Student Support

MacLeod, Paul

IT Facilitator

Mariner, Julie

Year 6 Teacher

McCartney, Marie-Eve

Reception Teacher

McKenzie, Claire

Admin. Officer

McKenzie, Penny

Head of Middle & Senior School

Newman, Tyna

Business Manager

Niejalke, Jan

Assistant Business Manager

Nuttall, Katie

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Pfeiffer, Adam

Middle/Senior School Teacher

Pilla, Leah

Reception Teacher

Reid, Leah

Year 5 Teacher

Riggs, Justin

Year 6 Teacher

Roberts, Kylie

Year 1 Teacher

Ruiz, Dan

Middle School Teacher

Sawade, Dan

Middle /Senior School Teacher

Scott, Joanne

Senior School Teacher

Spooner, Sharon

Uniform Shop Manager

Finance

Thiele, Sandra

Year 4 Teacher

Thompson, Amanda

Senior School Teacher

Torok, Celeste

Early Learning Co-ord./ Teacher

Vaughan, Fiona

Year 1 Teacher

Wegener, Troy

Senior School Teacher

Whibley, Paul

Property Manager

White, Lynn

Student Support – Early Learning

Williams, Tori

Year 2 Teacher

Wollaston, Julie

Student Support – Early Learning

Wormald, Tim

Senior School Teacher

Zitterbart, Sue

Admin. Officer

Around the COLLEGE

From the WELLBEING TEAM

Resilience tends to have gained a reputation as a 21st century educational buzzword. There is a strong argument that a lack of resilience could well be due to a changing society in which one can survive relatively easily without having to move too far out of their comfort zone. Regardless of what your thoughts are regarding resilience in young people, there is clear evidence that suggests that resilience is directly linked to developing positive mental health and wellbeing. Adelaide itself, through the SAHMRI Wellbeing and Resilience centre, is a world leader in developing resilience as a reliable, effective measure of positive mental health throughout communities.

As we move into 2018, the Wellbeing Team welcomes you back to school life at Encounter Lutheran College. Whilst we are constantly working to develop resilience in the young people in our community, we would like to share with you some common language being used throughout the college from R-12. The below infographic outlines what an individual's comfort zone, learning zone, and danger zone look like, and feel like. We aim to encourage students to move from their comfort zone, explore the learning zone, and dip their toes in the danger zone, understanding that this can be where some of the most effective growth takes place. As J.K. Rowling stated;

"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default."

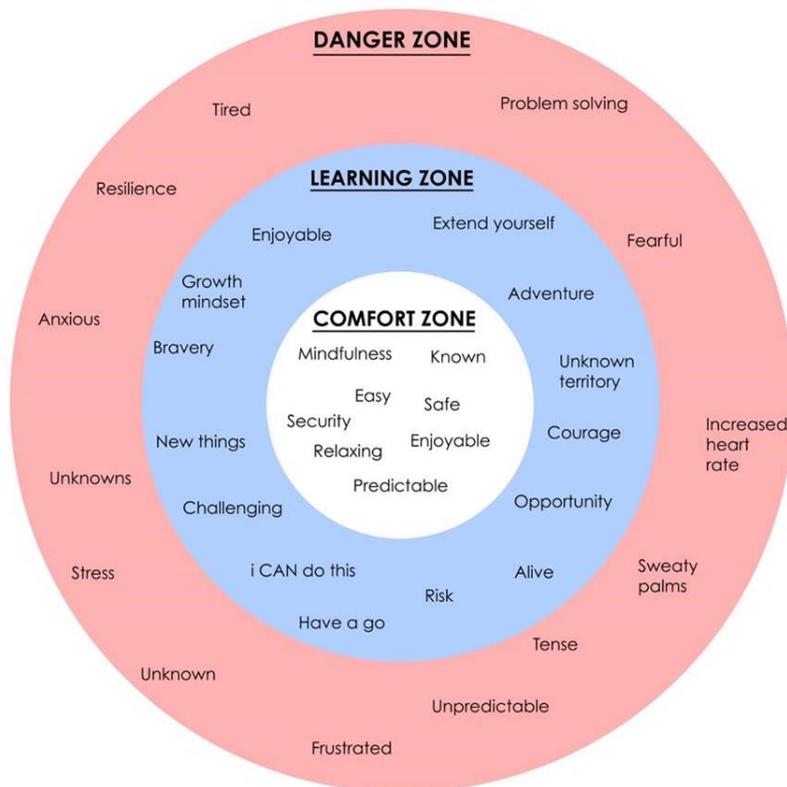
We invite you to use the same language at home, as we all work towards developing risk taking, open minded thinkers and learners.

We are excited to be offering some new wellbeing initiatives this year, the first being 'The Hub', which offers an informal 'drop-in' opportunity at lunch times for Middle/Senior students to hang out, engage with other students & wellbeing staff and participate in activities (this week we made smoothies!). Other initiatives are aimed at supporting parents with a series of guest presenters such as Headspace, and the Carly Ryan Foundation - stay tuned for further information.

Encounter's College Counsellor, Jo Ashcroft, is available for students to access on Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's. A time to meet with Jo can be booked via email, through the front office, or by calling 8552 8880.

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ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY EVENT

We look forward to seeing you all at our annual **Night on the Green** where you will enjoy great food, drink, games and entertainment - including Peter Combe performing with members of our very own Junior Rythmix Choir.



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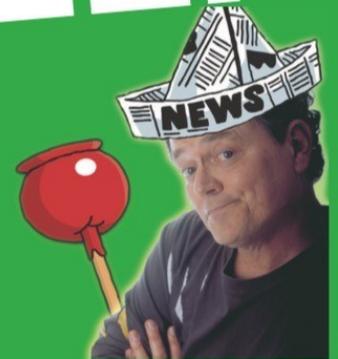
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WELCOME

Special Guest Performer Peter Combe

- Live Music ■ Food ■ Wine and Beer
- Face Painting ■ Rides ■ Sumo ■ Fun



February
23rd 4-8pm

Night on the Green

Community NEWS



BLUELIGHT DISCO POOL PARTY

Fleurieu Aquatic Centre
50 Ocean Rd, Hayborough
Friday 2nd March 2018

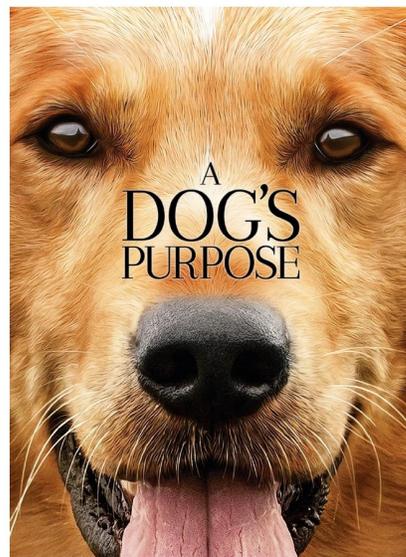
This is a **LOCK IN** event so parents **MUST** drop off and pick up at the door.
Prompt pick up please.

10 - 17 year olds
6pm - 8pm

Doors open 5.45pm for a brief swim test.
Entry fee at door \$10

Tickets include entry, food and drink,
15m inflatable float and games provided.

Don't miss out, tickets available now at Fleurieu Aquatic Centre.
Pre-purchase is strongly recommended.

Outdoor Cinema

Victor Harbor Yacht Club
Bridge Tce, Victor Harbor

Saturday 17th February
8.00pm for 8.30pm start

Tickets Adults \$15 - Children \$10

Available to purchase on the night or prior to the event from the office of Butler & Butler



All funds raised will go toward the structured grant programs of the Fleurieu Community Foundation
www.fleurieucommunityfoundation.org.au or phone 08 85522 411



SAT 17TH FEB - VICTOR REC CENTRE

CLINIC 1:30PM TO 3:00PM - \$5 PER PLAYER

The **Southern Tigers Men's Premier League** team want to help you **develop your basketball skills** to take your game to the next level. The clinic will be **coached by some of the stars** on the team, including imports **CJ Turnage** and **Greg Mays**.

Stay around after the clinic, and **watch basketball at South Australia's highest level**, as the Southern Tigers Men take on the Woodville Warriors in a pre-season match.

GAME 4PM TIP OFF - FREE ENTRY



BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



Female Footy Engagement Clinic for girls of all ages and abilities

When: Monday, March 5th 4-6pm

Where: South Adelaide Football Club,
Hickinbotham Oval,
1 Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga.

Who will be in attendance:

Current Adelaide FC players

Cost: FREE

<https://sanflprograms.wufoo.eu/forms/adelaide-crows-female-football-superclinic/>





SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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You can help Encounter Lutheran receive more sports gear for our College through this program.

Start collecting a vouchers everytime you spend \$10 at Coles either in store or online.

Drop the voucher into our Coles Collection Box in-store or at the Front Office of the College.

How does it work?



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.